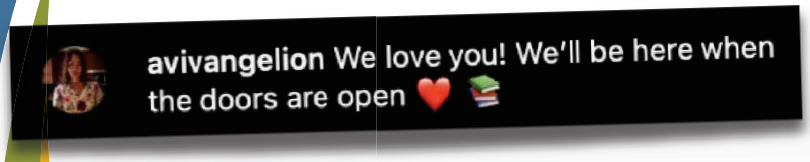
YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Clearing hurdles

The ongoing repair and renovation of YDL-Michigan Avenue dominated our focus in 2024. Several times we were on the verge of reopening, but construction delays intervened. Despite the frustration, our loyal supporters were very understanding. That's true library love – thank you!



After using the same library catalog for many years, in late August we migrated our data to a more robust integrated library system. This huge undertaking was well worth it, with greater functionality benefitting both patrons and staff.

YDL also deepened its partnership with Eastern Michigan University's School of Social Work, welcoming our first student field placements. The interns paved the way for a full-time Library Social Worker coming in 2025 thanks to a year-end grant award.

We're pushing past challenges and working to continually improve service to our community.

Lisa Hoenig

Library Director

Sprucing up our spaces

New Superior artwork

Local artist Julia Lubas created a mural for the Superior Meeting Room kitchen, and new art is on display throughout the library.

Superior play area

In September, we installed a play area with a kitchen, magnets, and legos at YDL-Superior. It's a hit!

Whittaker doll house

Youth Librarian Liz Pitcher spent a year refurbishing a large dollhouse, donated by the Beal family, for the Whittaker youth department.

Whittaker pavement work

In August, we replaced the front sidewalk at YDL-Whittaker to make it safer, more level, lovely, and built to last.

Planning Strategically

Social Work interns arrive

In August, YDL brought aboard our first Social Work Interns. Cynthia Wilson and Anna Lyon, students from EMU's School of Social Work, did a needs assessment, developed a resource list, and laid groundwork for future field placements.

New home for TALK

The Midwest Collaborative for Library Services started managing TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten after YDL's National Leadership Grant period concluded in the summer. YDL launched the program in 2017 with the help of many local partners. TALK is now a nationwide service.

New-look catalog

In August, YDL migrated to a new catalog system for an improved patron experience. Robust new features include an improved search and better record displays.

Welcoming new residents

We began sending a mailer each quarter to people who have recently moved to the area. The postcard features library information and incentives for getting a library card.

Strengthening partnerships

Grants, donations, and other strategic partnerships helped YDL expand a number of services and programs that impact the community.

- YDL was awarded a $2,000 grant from the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) to purchase USCF memberships, game timers, online tools, and more to expand our Chess Club and attract more young women and others from underrepresented groups to the game.
- We replaced the checkerboard tabletops in YDL-Michigan's Library Plaza thanks to a wonderful donor.
- Using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding from Washtenaw County, we installed new after hours pick-up lockers at YDL-Whittaker.
- Toyota granted a second year of funding for new equipment and programs in our Project STEM @ YDL initiative.

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Community Love

We couldn't have done 2024 without you... Thanks for your support!

I've rarely seen examples of the good in people lately, but you folks go so far beyond, it brings me hope & brightens my day.
- Note from an admiring patron

bigsablept You guys are the greatest.
15w 1 like Reply

beek
I love the Ypsi library
2024-7... Reply

Ashley Renee
We are so thankful to have this wonderful library and resource in our community!

mariah_papaya_28 The superior branch is such a gem . . . Always so cozy and entertaining and with such warm and creative librarians. Thank you for what you create!!!! 😍

By the Numbers

239,321 Patron Visits

Up 13,350 from 2023

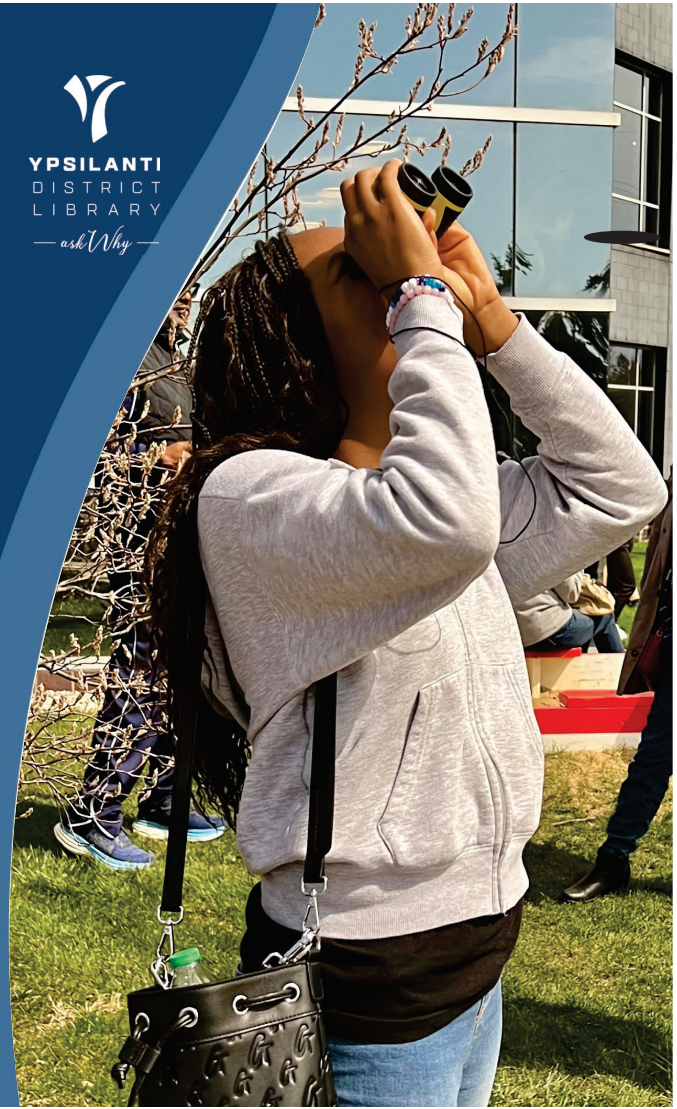
- YDL-Michigan *(Closed for renovations)*
- 163,572 YDL-Whittaker
- 5,216 Bookmobile Visits
- 70,533 YDL-Superior

Total Circulation 738,064

- YDL-Whittaker 384,731
- 232,388 E-products
- YDL-Michigan 29,652
- YDL-Superior 73,520
- Bookmobile 18,313 *Up 40% from 2023*

43,803
people attended 2,075 events
(5,500 more than 2023)

4,509
new library cards issued



FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE	FY 2023-2024	% of total
Property Taxes	$6,411,147	91.1%
Penal Fines	$79,549	1.1%
State Aid	$89,831	1.3%
Interest & Other	$257,377	3.6%
Grants, Donations, Friends of YDL	$203,386	2.9%
Total Revenue	$7,041,290	100%*

EXPENDITURES	FY 2023-2024	% of total
Salaries & Benefits	$3,895,765	65.5%
Library Materials	$623,743	10.5%
Contractual	$363,238	6.1%
Automation & Capital Outlay	$355,156	6.0%
Utilities & Repairs	$447,447	7.5%
Other	$260,225	4.4%
Total Expenditures	$5,945,574	100%*

* Due to rounding, percentages may not add up to 100.